Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* It was subsequent to my coming here.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know whether there was any public meeting for which no permission is required to be asked for?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* The National War Front Meetings do not require a permit. They have got a general permit.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know, Sir, whether it is the case of the Government that for any meeting whatsoever it is necessary to ask for a permit?

Kahn Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* Every public meeting whatsoever, if it is not otherwise permitted, must have a permit.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know whether there is complaint regarding the delay in the issue of these permits?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* The notification has laid down that applications should be made in good time.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* How many days prior to the proposed meeting do you expect the application to be received?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* You can have it on the spot, if you approach the Division Inspectors.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* May I know whether the Police Commissioner has been consistently refusing permission to hold election meetings.

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* When please?

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* In the Narakkal constituency there was a bye-election and the Police Commissioner refused permission to hold meetings. Is it not a fact?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahdur *(Commissioner of Police):* It is a fact.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* So, in the general elections also, the Police Commissioner will refuse permission to hold meetings?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* I can't foresee that.

PAYMENT OF FEES—MAHARAJA'S COLLEGE

19. Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Malayalam or English Calendar is followed in the working of; and

(*b*) the last date for payment of fees in the Maharaja's College, Ernakulam?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* (*a*) English Calendar for all academic purposes.

(*b*) The day fixed for payment of each instalment of fees is notified in the College Calendar.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* May I know whether the Malayalam Calendar is followed in the payment of salaries for the Professors of the Maharaja's College?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* The Malayalam Calendar is followed.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* May I know, Sir, the particular date on which fee collections are made in schools?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Before the 10th of each Malayalam month.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* Is there any objection to collect the fees in the college on the 10th of the Malayalam month?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* The collection has been fixed with reference to certain payments to the University and so on. I have no objection in making slight alterations if it will suit the convenience of the parents. There is no objection for me to look into it.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. കെ. നായർ: കോളേജിലെ ശമ്പളഗഡുവ് ശനിയാഴ്ചദിവസങ്ങളാണെന്നുള്ള എന്റെ അറിവ് ശരിയാണോ?

റാവുസാഹിബ്ബ് ഐ. എൻ. മേനോൻ: അങ്ങിനെയായിരുന്നു ഇതുവരെ അനുവദിച്ചുപോന്നിരുന്നത്. ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട മെമ്പറുടെ ആവശ്യപ്രകാരം മാറ്റാൻ തീർച്ചയാക്കിട്ടുണ്ട്.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will the Government be pleased to state why College fees sent in advance are not taken in?

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Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*: The thing is if you are going to have a large number of days set apart for the collection of fees it will confuse the machinery which collects fees. That is the only cause.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. കെ. നായർ: കോളേജിൽ ശമ്പളം പിരിക്കുന്ന സമ്പ്രദായം എന്താ? അതായതു്, അതു വാങ്ങുന്നതാരാണു്?

റാവുസാഹിബ്ബു് ഐ. എൻ. മേനോൽ: സാധാരണയായിട്ടു കോളേജിൽ കൊണ്ടറിൽ കൊണ്ടുപോയി കൊടുക്കുക—അതിനു ക്ലാക്കു് ഒരു റസീറ്റം കൊടുക്കും—അങ്ങിനെയാണു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. കെ. നായർ: ക്ലാക്കു് അങ്ങിനെ ഒരു റസീറ്റു് കൊടുക്കുന്നതിലും നല്ലതു് കുട്ടികളിൽനിന്നും നേരിട്ടു വാങ്ങിച്ചു അതിനു ഒരു രശീതി കുട്ടികൾക്കു കൊടുത്താൽ പോരെ? എന്റെ അറിവു്, കുട്ടികൾക്കു സൌകര്യം ഉണ്ടെങ്കിലും ഇല്ലെങ്കിലും ശമ്പളദിവസം എല്ലാവക്കും വളരെ ജോലിത്തിരക്കാണെന്നാണു്.

റാവുസാഹിബ്ബു് ഐ. എൻ. മേനോൻ: അളുകൾ ധാരാളമുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ, പണിനടത്താൻ സൌകര്യവുമാണു്. ഏതായാലും, കുട്ടികൾക്കു ഫീസു് കൊടുക്കുന്ന കാര്യത്തിൽ എന്തെങ്കിലും അസൌകര്യം ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അതു് തീർക്കാൻ വിരോധമില്ല.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: I put this question, because sometimes Jewish pupils being absent on Saturday, send their fees on Fridays, a day in advance. They do not receive it.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*: That inconvenience is remedied because I have issued definite instructions that Saturday should not be the day for collecting fees.

NOON-DAY MEALS FOR CHILDREN

20. Mrs. Thankamma N. Menon *(Womens-Ernakulam)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have prepared any scheme for the distribution of one lakh of rupees donated by Mr. R. M. Alagappa Chettiar for the noon-day meals of poor school children;

(*b*) if so, will Government be pleased to place a copy of the scheme on the Council Table?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*: (*a*) A scheme is under preparation only.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Adjournment motions

Mr. President: I have received notice of a motion for adjournment of the business of the House from Mr. A. V. Moothedan. I have had to disallow this motion on the ground that the subject-matter is not a matter of recent occurrence.

I have also received notice of a motion for the adjournment of the business of the House from Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar. I have had to disallow this motion for the reason that the subject-matter mentioned is not a matter of recent occurrence.

Speech by the President

Mr. President: Hon: Members, I am glad to have this opportunity of addressing you and to assure you of my desire and intention to work in collaboration with the Legislature in the service of His Highness for the advancement of the happiness and prosperity of all the subjects of his State. You will not expect me—within a month of my assumption of office—to make any announcement of new departures in policy or administrative practice. I am fortunate in succeeding a Diwan who during his tenure of office earned the support and goodwill of all those charged with the responsibility of administering the affairs of the State, and, for the present, until I have had time and opportunity to study more closely the problems which confront the administration, I feel that I cannot do better than continue to work along the lines which he laid down. Mr. Dixon during the two years he spent here as Diwan determined first to see that the State made its full contribution to war activities of every kind; his second object was to see that all possible steps were taken to ensure the production of as much food as possible within the Sate, his third—and most difficult—task was to secure from outside such additional supplies of food as were necessary to maintain the population in a reasonable state of health: and his fourth task was to ensure as far as possible a distribution of these supplies—both home-grown and imported—to all the inhabitants of the State regardless of their position or influence. His devotion to these aims won universal admiration and regard, and I wish to take this opportunity of adding my tribute to those numerous expressions of appreciation which were paid to him on his departure from the State.

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